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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application on December 8, 2003, Applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited in a European Search Report, issued December 29, 2003, for counterpart EP Application No. EP 03 02 0273.3 to the attention of the Examiner:

French Patent No. 2,529,722 to H. MOREL, published January 6, 1984;

JP 11-252753, to T. KAZUNORI, published September 17, 1999, along with an English language abstract thereof;

JP 10-220429, to M. TATSUFUMI et al., published August 21, 1998, along with an English language abstract thereof;

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JP 10-019168, to A. KOJI et al., published January 23, 1998, along with an English language abstract thereof;

JP 2001-330175 to S. HIDETOSHI et al., published November 30, 2001, along with an English language abstract thereof.

The relevance of the above noted documents to the claims of the EP application are as noted by the EP Examiner in the attached copy of the EP Search Report.

A copy of each of the above-noted documents, as well as a copy of the European Search Report, are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98. Further, each of the above-mentioned documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 form.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each listed document and to indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing and signing the enclosed PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the signed and initialed form with the next communication.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the Merits has not issued in the instant application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned
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